GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREST BASED INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any efforts to set up forest based industries in Jharkhand State particularly Singhbhum region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) and (b) Establishment of forest based industries is in the competence of the State Government. the Government of Jharkhand have made efforts and formulated its Industrial Policy, 2001 in which the forest based industries is one of the sector, which has been declared `Thrust Area` for the centralised industrial development of the State. The industries brought under the category of `Thrust Area` are:

i. Sisal and other fibres.
ii. Forest based industries e.g. bamboo, lac etc.
iii. Medicinal and flower based industry.

The State of Jharkhand in its Industrial Policy has also decided to encourage rural industrialisation in the field of forest based industries like silk production and minor forest produce.

(c) Does not arise.